



Trinity Lutheran Church

Proclaiming, Teaching and Living the Gospel of Christ!

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am

*Holy Communion is
celebrated weekly on
Saturday & Sunday*

Sunday School
will resume on Rally Day
September 13th at 9:30am

Sat. Adult Bible Study 4:00pm
Sun. Adult Bible Study 9:45am

A Prayer for Pastors

*Father God, please grant
pastors wisdom as they
carry out their sacred
duties. Give them joy in
ministry as they serve You
and the church. May they
persevere when they face
difficulties. May they
glorify You in all that they
do. Comfort them in the
reality that their labor in
the Lord is not in vain
(1 Corinthians 15:58).
Please work through them
to accomplish Your will
and purposes.
In Jesus' name I pray.*

Amen.



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Trini-Teens

Trini-Teens Summer Bonfire

The Youth Group and their families are invited to a bonfire **Friday, August 14th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM** at the Shute residence! S'mores and other snacks will be provided. See Caleb for the address or if you have any questions!



Blood Drive



Blood Drive

A blood drive will be held Tuesday, August 25th from 12:00-6:00pm in the Parish Hall. Contact Deb Chmielowiec 815-954-1363 to schedule an appointment or with any questions.

LWR School Bags

Trinity is filling school bags with supplies for LWR School bags. School bags were purchased with Thrivent funds. Listed below are the items to fill a bag. A tub is available in the Parish Hall for your donations.

- 4 70 sheets notebooks wide or college ruled
- 1 30-centimeter ruler/one side inches
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 pair blunt scissors
- 5 ink pens (black or blue, no gel)
- 5 pencils (not sharpened)
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 2-inch eraser



**LWR
SCHOOL
SUPPLIES**

If you do not want to fill a complete bag, cash donations are appreciated and we will buy additional items in bulk. You may give your donation to Connie Tranos or any member of Martha Circle or in an envelope in the collection plate addressed Martha Circle school supplies. We thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Tranos at 815-735-9592.

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Visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/trinityherscher

Preservation

The final part of the explanation to the 1st Article of the Creed begins with a simple assertion of a truth we often forget: "He defends me against all danger and protects me from all evil." While so often we think of blessings in terms of what God gives, we neglect to remember how diligently God preserves these blessings for us, how easily they could be taken away. Dangers surround us – Luther used to note that we shouldn't complain when some trouble befalls us, because 1000 troubles 1000 times worse could easily befall us 1000 times a day.



But we have become a bit presumptive in the US – we simply assume that we should have health and wealth. We may even think that we are entitled to these things. As a result we have forgotten just how dangerous the world is, how easy it would be for tragedy and disaster to strike. We forget just how diligently God works to protect and preserve us from all the wickedness that Satan would unleash at us.

Previous generations were more aware of this. Rhode Island's capital is Providence, for they knew they only were able to survive because of God's care and protection. Our grandparents knew for certain that God sent them guardian angels; today most folks don't even think about it. We will go through our days with nary a thought of the dangers God protects us from.

And yet, what does God do? He keeps on being the good and gracious God that He is. He gives these blessings not because we deserve them or have earned them, but simply "out of fatherly, divine mercy and goodness." So part of our lives as Christians is to learn more and more to receive these blessings with thanksgiving, and to understand that these blessings are given to us so that we might serve the Lord by tending to His creation and loving the neighbors He has given us.

God likes Creation. He made it, and He made it to be good. He desires you to enjoy His blessings rightly and properly, without fear. Thus He protects and preserves you here, even until He calls you to your eternal home.

Pastor Brown

Officer Nominations



Nominations were opened at the July 19th Voters' Meeting for the positions of 3 Elders and 1 Board of Education member. Please prayerfully consider serving if you were nominated.

Nominations will remain open up to and including October 18th when voting will occur at the Quarterly Voters' Meeting that day.

Christian Education Schedule

Sunday School will resume September 13th.

High School Bible Study will resume September 13th.

Sunday Adult Bible Study is held Sundays at approximately 9:45am after Sunday worship. We continue studying the *book of Galatians*.

Saturday Adult Bible Study is held Saturdays at 4:00pm before the worship service. We are currently studying the *book of James*.

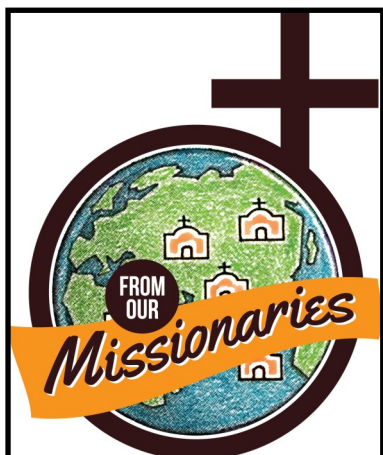
Facebook Live devotions are held online most weeks, Monday through Thursday at 8:00am.

Confirmation Class will be forming and starting up in September. Contact Pastor with any questions.

Be in the Word!
It's a great place to be!
All are welcome.

Missionaries

Please continue to pray for our missionaries Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump and their family as they continue to share God's love and spread His Word in Africa. Copies of Rev. Trump's latest newsletter are available on the table in the Parish Hall.



Weekly Bulletin Deadline

Items for the weekly bulletin are due in the church office each **Wednesday by noon**. Thank you!

Monthly Newsletter Deadline

Articles, announcements and information for the September newsletter are due **Thursday, August 20th by 9:00am**. Thank you!



Pastoral Care Contacts

Pastor Brown often roams around in his duties, but he will be happy to meet with you. Please call, text or email to set up a time.

Pastor's Email: pastorbrown.trinity@comcast.net
Pastor's Cell phone (call or text): 815-953-9995
Pastor's Office phone: 815-426-2262 x102

Diane Hart will continue to be in the office as often as needed. Phone messages and email are checked multiple times daily.

Diane's Email: trinityherl@comcast.net
Diane's Office phone: 815-426-2262 x101
Diane's Cell phone (call or text): 708-307-2710

Parish Hall Rental/ Property Check-Out List

The Parish Hall may be rented to Trinity members for various functions. Please contact Diane in the office to schedule, remit rental fee, and obtain a copy of the guidelines. **Reminder, the kitchen, tables and chairs should be left clean and floors swept. Restrooms should be checked for tidiness.**

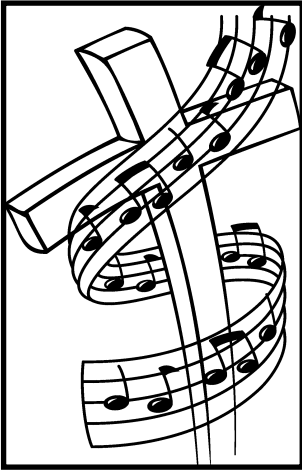
Also, any property borrowed (old tables, kitchen items, etc.) need to be signed out on the check-out sheet in the church office. Please note, per the Church Council, the white tables and chairs may not leave the church property. **Also, all items used are to be returned clean and stored appropriately.**

Villas at Herscher Services

Worship services are planned for Villas at Herscher Mondays August 10th & 24th at 3:00pm.



The Organ as a Living Component of Worship



Many times throughout Scripture, we get the wording of the Spirit as “breath” (ex. John 20:22). We know that breath is important. Breathing is how we get oxygen into our lungs. The first thing you check if someone collapses: “Are they still breathing?” Breathing also enables us to communicate with one another, as breathing out making vocal chords vibrate is how words/sounds are made. (See where I’m going with this?)

Pipe organs make sound by passing air through pipes. Where does this air come from? Organs have a special mechanism called “bellows”, that push air through the instrument. Before electricity, it took 3 people to play a pipe organ: one to press down the keys, and two to literally jump to pump air through the bellows! Now in modern times, bellows are pumped electronically, but the system is the same: the bellows act as a “diaphragm” of sorts, physically moving the air through the instrument. So if the bellows are the diaphragm, the organ itself could be considered the “lungs” of the church.

I’ve also heard it said that music is the “heart” of worship. That’s not to say music has any greater importance than the Word and Sacraments, hymns just provide an outlet for more intimate meditation on the Word we hear preached in the service. A lot of times the “Hymn of the Day” has a direct tie to the readings and overall theme in Pastor’s sermon. In our church, like many others, the organ is used to lead and accompany the singing of hymns. So if the music is, in fact, the “heart” of worship, the organ is the instrument pumping that blood for the musical sections (in both hymns and liturgy).

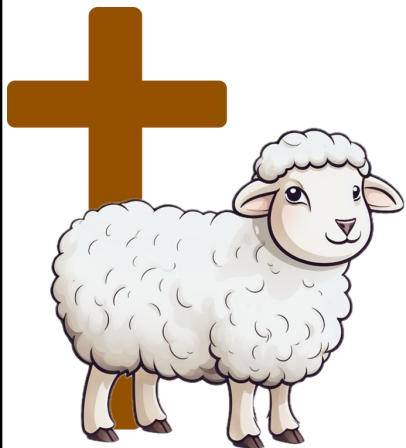
As I considered these things, I realized that lungs and hearts are... organs! The name of the instrument at the center of music in worship services cannot be a coincidence. The organ is the heart and lungs in the service, making it a living component in worship. While other instruments rely on making something vibrate to create sound, one could say the organ relies on the church itself (that is, the congregation) to fully make its sound. As a living component, it facilitates the music of the congregation by leading her in song.

-- *Caleb Dehning*

Looking ahead: Choir rehearsals resume Wednesday, September 2nd.



Little Lambs Preschool



As we wrap up our summer and start ramping up for the new school year, there is a certain amount of excited curiosity. What will our new students be like? How will our returning students have grown? Also, will the changes we make over the summer to our curriculum and classroom work well for everyone? We try to fine-tune our processes and ideas at the end of every school year, but fact remains that each year will be different. Our students and their respective needs will be different, and sometimes our needs change, too. Flexibility is the name of the game! We therefore do our best to build our plans to accommodate some adjustment, as needed.

For example, at the beginning of the year, we don't know how quickly our new students will adapt to matters of classroom order, such as sitting on the rug, lining up, and staying in one spot for snack. We may not be able to cover all the material we hoped as we teach them how to use our classroom space. That means we need to build in time to review later, if needed. The older, returning students need more time for letter recognition and sounds, so we look carefully at days off and repeat letters that fall on short weeks. After having rug spacing difficulties last year, we are going to be using a new rug that lets us use several different seating arrangements. Units and letters were moved around a bit, in hopes some concepts stick better. We are always adapting— or at least trying.

As you can see, few places exemplify the motto “If at first you don't succeed, try, try again!” better than a school. The fact that we are a church preschool enhances this. I like to enter and exit each day through the church, because when I walk past the giant cross, it reminds me that I am in God's house. I am prompted twice a day to pray for our needs and give thanks for our successes. No problem is bigger than Jesus, as Pastor Brown likes to point out. He is always there, patient and loving, directing our efforts and bearing us up through our struggles. Can there be a more peaceful start to a work day? So we try again, knowing our Heavenly Father is watching over His children. God grant us another successful year, and many more to come!

— Mrs. Brown

Raise Right Gift/Shopping Card Program

Trinity's Gift/Shopping Card Program through Raise Right—This program is available year-round.

All orders will be placed on Mondays, allowing for delivery usually by Thursday of the same week (online orders will be submitted with the paper orders). New customers please contact Diane Hart in the office for the enrollment code or with any questions. Go to raiseright.com for more information or ask for a printed list of vendors if you prefer.

Thank you for supporting Little Lambs Preschool simply by shopping!



RaiseRight

Simply the right way to fundraise

Board of Education

The August meeting will be held Sunday, August 2nd at 10:30am. Please contact Lynne Noffke with any questions.

Trinity Sewing/Quilting Group

Trinity Sewing continues to work toward our 200-quilt goal. We had an extra tie date in July to catch up on our bound quilts. We should have over 155 done by the next tie date. Quilters will meet Tuesday, August 4th 10:30am– 3:30pm. Come when you can and stay as long as you want. Our ladies enjoyed the pizza lunch. We plan to continue the lunch each time we quilt. A small donation will be collected to cover the food. We have been blessed by Thrivent and personal donations to cover batting costs and fabric purchases for back fabric. We still need fabric donations and sheets. We use what we can and pass on what we cannot use. Small pieces are being used for port pillows. We have currently made over one thousand pillows. We send to St. Paul's Phil's Friends for their cancer patient care boxes. If you know of someone you would like to have one, check our back quilt closet to take one. A box is marked on right side shelf of closet.

Martha Circle

Martha Circle will meet Friday, August 7th for breakfast at the Herscher Restaurant at 8:30am. We will be planning our activities for the fall. In September School bags will be filled and packed. Operation Christmas Child boxes will be filled in October at the LWML Zone 18 Fall meeting. Later we will send goodies to our college students. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in these activities.

Church Council

The Church Council will meet Tuesday, August 11th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Hannah Circle

We will not meet in August. See you in September.

Along with Martha Circle, we are once again collecting items for Operation Christmas Child. A list of suggested items is available in the Parish Hall. A basket for your donations will be available as well.

August Card Care: Celia Brown

College/Service Addresses



Please notify the church office of you/your child's college/service address for 2026-27 school year. Please also let us know if you/your child is attending college and living at home. We like to keep in touch! In the fall, Martha Circle will arrange that they receive a "goodie box" from the congregation.

Herscher Council of Churches

Herscher Christian Church will distribute food boxes from the Illinois Food Bank on Tuesday, August 11th beginning at 10:00m.

LWML

Coming soon:

LWML Northern Illinois District Biennial Convention-Friday & Saturday, September 18th and 19th at Cross

Lutheran Church & School Yorkville, Il.

LWML Zone 18 Fall meeting/workshop-Saturday, October 3rd at St Paul's Bourbonnais.



Prairieview Fall Festival Friday & Saturday, September 11 & 12

See the flyer on page 9 for detailed information and schedule.

From Jared at Prairieview:

We are looking for help cutting pies both Friday & Saturday.



Member Birthdays



- 2 Dianne Baker, Kristi Moritz
- 3 Michael Thomas
- 4 Mason Kruse
- 5 Shari Collins
- 6 Lois Brenneisen, Alexandria Inouye,
Jayla Nitsche
- 7 Bristol Bisaillon, Jane Burke, Eric Meredith
- 11 Brian Malone Sr., Donna Sharper
- 12 Chloe Johnston
- 13 Spencer Harrod, Jane Schwark
- 14 Linda Bisailon
- 15 Dale Simmons
- 17 Beverly Dayhoff, Eric Gaus
- 18 Josie Hinich
- 20 Susan Bode
- 21 Bennett Ferris, Gerald Kruse, Grace Wagner
- 23 Rebecca Berger, Elliott Cox
- 25 Nancy Varboncoeur
- 28 Emma Fortado, Jack Wagner, Alicia Witheft
- 29 Monica Harrod
- 30 Roxanna Kruse, Randy Mahoney
- 31 Sharon Dummer, Michael Kersten,
Abigail Zirkle

Please notify Diane in the church office if there are any errors or omissions. Thank you!

A Prayer on Your Birthday

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who gives us days to celebrate our birth. You have imparted Your breath that we might live before You. You call us to number our days and count the blessings we've received so that we are mindful of where we come from and where we are going. Bless this coming year, and strengthen me to serve You joyfully with all my heart. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Financial Summary

General

Beg. Balance	\$35,167.84
Revenues	18,719.16
Expenses	25,372.19
Ending Balance	\$28,514.61

Mission Fund

Beg. Balance	\$11,900.00
Revenues	1,615.00
Expenses	9,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 4,515.00

Little Lambs Preschool

Beg. Balance	\$ 4,459.61
Revenues	839.00
Expenses	3,354.71
Ending Balance	\$ 1,943.90

Complete financial reports are reported at Quarterly Voters' Meetings held usually on the third Sundays of January, April, July and October.

Please contact Diane in the church office if you need to pick up your offering envelopes, have them issued, or wish to be removed from the offering envelope list.



Online Giving

There are numerous ways to access online giving.

Type in this secure link:

<https://onrealm.org/TrinityLutheran76917/give/now>

No login is required. The link is also found on our website at trinitylutheranherscher.org and on the Universal Church Photo Directory

App. You may also scan this QR code, or text

"TRINITYHERSCHER" to 73256

to give using your mobile device.

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unsolicited texts to you. To cancel

further messages, text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text message

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If you have questions relating to Online Giving for Trinity, please feel free to contact Diane in the church office.

Define Your Life by How You Give

Winston Churchill reportedly said that “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill, our lives are defined not by what we have gotten, but by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserved for our sins. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death and hell. And so it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.



As it was for Jesus, so it also is for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For, giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living have on us. When we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives — our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question, “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor and servant to others?” to asking the question, “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, nor do we become less; rather, we have more and become more. When we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the Divine Nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

Prairieview

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September 11th

**Prairieview's Famous
Fish Fry**

Lunch: 11:00 - 2:00

Dinner: 4:00 - 7:00

Live Music by:

Tim O'Brien:

12:00 - 2:00

A Natural High

5:30

PLUS:

Bounce Houses, Baked Goods, Used Books, Silent Auction,
Pumpkins & Mums, Produce & Plants, 9-Hole Mini Golf Course
& MORE!

Slow Boys Tractor Show & Games

Fri. & Sat. 10am - 5pm

Open
10:00 - 7:00
Daily

September 12th

Variety Show:

10:30 - 11:30

Pork Burgers & Hot Dogs:

11:00 - 2:00

Live Music- Back Paiges:

12:30 - 2:30

**Danforth Reformed Car
Show:**

1:00-4:00

Quilt Auction: *Live & Online*

3:00 - 4:30

Pork Chop Dinner:

4:00 - 7:00

VBS MISSION THANK YOU



7/2/2026

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your commitment to sharing the Word of the Lord and for partnering with us in our mission to spread the Gospel both around the globe and close to home.

When we get Bibles and other Christ-based materials into the hands of those who need to hear the Good News, God does the rest. **You are a part of getting the Gospel to empty hands.**

Your recent gift of \$1,225.00 to Concordia Gospel Outreach will help us to send these Jesus-focused materials locally, in communities across the country, and all around the globe.

Through your support of CGO, you have reached millions with the Good News of Jesus Christ. You have put God's Word directly into the hands of those who need the hope of forgiveness and the joy of the Lord. While natural disasters, illness, and war continue to change our world, God's Word remains the same. And so does our mission: to equip those in need of the Gospel with Christ-focused resources around the globe. **Your support and prayers allow this mission to continue.**

Thank you for helping us reach millions of people with the Good News. We give thanks for you.

Blessings,


Elizabeth Pittman
Concordia Gospel Outreach

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Serving Our Lord This Month — August 2026

Elder/Communion Assistant

August 01* Mike Bruner
August 02* Jeremy Thurston

August 08* Stan Schwark
August 09* John Varvel

August 15* Jerry Brutlag
August 16* Mike Bruner

August 22* Chris Knobloch
August 23* Dan Shute

August 29* Stan Schwark
August 30* John Varvel

*Denotes Holy Communion Served

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THIS MONTH

Usher Captains

Gerald Brutlag (Sat.)

Brian Noffke (Sun.)

Usher Team

Randy Kerschke

Lynne Noffke; Dale Simmons; Stan Schwark



Barb Kruse
&
Judy Sharper

Altar Flowers

August 01/02 *Available*

August 08/09 Stanley & Barbara Schwark on the occasion of their 50th anniversary

August 15/16 Don & Joanne LaChappell in celebration of their great-granddaughter's 2nd birthday and great-grandson's baptism

August 22/23 Norma Bell in memory of Gene

August 29/30 Chuck & Dianne Baker on the occasion of their 54th anniversary



Trinity— August 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 <i>Communion</i> Adult Bible Study 4:00pm Worship 5:00pm
2 <i>Communion</i> Worship 8:30am Adult Bible Study 9:30am Board of Ed meeting 10:30am	3 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am	4 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am Quilt Tying/ Sewing Group 10:30am-3:30pm	5 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am	6 Devotion on Facebook Live 8:00am	7 Martha Circle 8:30am @ Herscher Restaurant	8 <i>Communion</i> Adult Bible Study 4:00pm Worship 5:00pm
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